The tiles used in the Central Jail, Viyyur.

497. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any flooring tiles other than Sivakami's used in the Central Jail, Viyyur; and, if so, the party who supplied them, their exact quantity, price, etc., during 1100-1101 M. E.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—During the year 1100, flooring tiles which were not the product of the Sivakami Tile Factory were used in some of the buildings constructed in the Viyyur Central Jail. These tiles were supplied by the contractor and covered an area of 36·6 squares. The work was paid for at a rate of Rs. 11—5—0 per square.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—These tiles were supplied by the contractors. May I know who is the contractor and the name of the factory of which these tiles were the products?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The contractor is one Mr. Baboo of Mala, and in fact, I do not know which factory manufactured those tiles.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where they products of factories approved by the D. P. W?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not the product of a factory approved by the D. P. W.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Sivakami Tile Works also supplied tiles to the same building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were they supplying flooring tiles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, some but not all.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it because they were not in a position to supply the whole?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. They had no stock.

Cost of drugs supplied to the Central Jail.

498. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that the cost of drugs supplied to the Central Jail Hospital in previous years was about Rs. 600 and that this year the cost is about Rs. 1,300;

(2) if the answer to the previous question is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether this increase was due to the rise in the cost of drugs or the increased quantity of drugs supplied;

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